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REMARKS

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1. The 18th Loirski Inf Regt, Utvar No 1102, was subordinate to the 11th Inf Div in Pilsen (1). The division was commanded by General Patera, (fnu), and also included the 35th Inf Regt.
2. The regimental headquarters and headquarters units were in Stribro, one battalion in both Plana and Tachov and the III Bn in Bor (N 50/P 63). The Hq III Bn and three infantry companies were quartered in the Bor Castle, the machine gun company in the convent and the heavy weapons company in a former school. There were about 700 troops in Stribro. (2) The regiment was commanded by Colonel Suchomel, (fnu). The other officers of the regiment included Lieutenant Colonel Palacek, (fnu), Dpty CO; Staff Captain Ferdinand Polok, adjutant; Staff Captain Zehradnik, (fnu), DOZ officer; Lieutenant Colonel Otto Skrebek, CO III Bn; Staff Captain Frankisek Cech, Dpty CO III Bn; Major Jan Jirak and Staff Captain Gust. Nekl, COs of the other two battalions. (3) About one-third of the regiment's personnel were Czechs, and about two-thirds Slovaks. About two percent were Hungarians.
3. The regimental headquarters units were an infantry gun company, a submachine gun company, a technical company and a headquarters company. (4) The III Bn had 300 to 400 men and included the 11th, 12th and 13th Inf Cos, the 14th MG Co and the 15th Hv Wpn Co. The latter was composed of a gun platoon and a mortar platoon.

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4. The III Bn was armed with German rifles, Czech and Soviet sub-machine guns, Czech model 26 light machine guns, Czech model 37 heavy machine guns, 45-mm AT guns, German 82-mm mortars and German bazookas. Its motor vehicles included two 3-ton Praga trucks and two Tatra-K 57 trucks. The battalion also had 30 horses and an unknown number of infantry carts.
5. About 100 hand-picked soldiers of the III Bn were used with SNB personnel in border guard duty along the Eisendorf (N 50/P 52)-Rozvadov (N 50/P 43) section. (5)

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Comments.

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- (1) Utvar No 1102 was recently identified on a document as being assigned to the 18th Inf Regt.
- (2) The disposition of the regiment checks with information of March 1950. See [REDACTED] The statement that 700 troops were in Stribro may be correct, since the replacement battalion with an NCO school was also located there as well as the regimental headquarters units.
- (3) There have not been any essential changes in officer personnel since March 1950.
- (4) It is believed that the regimental headquarters units also include a heavy mortar company.
- (5) The employment of army personnel on border guard duty to reinforce SNB border personnel is not unusual and has been repeatedly reported, especially in 1948.

1 Annex: Standard Manpower Questionnaire.~~SECRET-CONTROL/US OFFICIALS ONLY~~**CONFIDENTIAL**